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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN:
DRAFT STATEMENTS FOR USUN AND THE WHITE HOUSE
(S/S NO. 7618737)

FOR THE SECRETARY THROUGH HABIB FROM EA-HUMMEL AND
IO-TOUSSAINT, ACTING

1. THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET
INFORMALLY ON SEPTEMBER 10 TO CONSIDER VIETNAM'S
APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. CHANCES ARE THAT THE
COUNCIL WILL THEN MOVE TO FORMAL SESSION AND VOTE. WE
HAVE PREPARED A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S
USE (GOVERNOR SCRANTON WILL BE IN JAPAN FOR BILATERAL
TALKS ON UNGA MATTERS).

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2. WE HAVE ALSO PREPARED A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR THE

WHITE HOUSE TO ISSUE FOLLOWING THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

A. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STATEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR BENNETT AND APPROVAL FOR ITS USE (TAB 1):

APPROVE: DISAPPROVE:

B. WE WOULD FURTHER APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STATEMENT FOR THE WHITE HOUSE AND APPROVAL FOR ITS USE (TAB 2):

APPROVE: DISAPPROVE:

4. DRAFTED BY IO/UNP:GBHELMAN; CLEARED BY EA:AWHUMMEL, JR.; IO:DRTOUSSAINT; EA/VLC:JROSENTHAL;S:H. COLLUMS.

FOLLOWING IS TAB 1:

DRAFT STATEMENT FOR USE BY AMBASSADOR BENNETT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL:

THE UNITED STATES WILL VOTE AGAINST THE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

WE WILL DO SO NOT BECAUSE WE DOUBT THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. RATHER, THE UNITED STATES HAS SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT THE WILLINGNESS OF VIETNAM TO DO SO. IT IS THIS LACK OF DEMONSTRATED WILL WHICH LEADS THE UNITED STATES TO CONCLUDE THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE 4 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

LET ME BE SPECIFIC. THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
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HAS FAILED IN PARTICULAR TO MANIFEST THE LEAST HUMANITARIAN OR PRACTICAL CONCERN REGARDING AMERICAN SERVICEMEN MISSING IN ACTION. IT HAS FAILED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION AND TO RETURN THE REMAINS OF THOSE KILLED IN THE RECENT CONFLICT IN INDOCHINA, DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS BY THE UNITED STATES TO PERSUADE THEM TO DO SO. ON THE CONTRARY, THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS

CONTINUED ITS ATTEMPT TO PLAY UPON THE DEEP ANGUISH
AND UNCERTAINTY OF THE FAMILIES OF THESE MEN IN ORDER
TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ADVANTAGE.

THROUGH ITS RECORD AND POLICIES, THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM HAS CONVINCED MY GOVERNMENT THAT IT IS NOT
WILLING TO CARRY OUT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE CHARTER.
AS WE ALL KNOW, THESE OBLIGATIONS EMBRACE NOT ONLY THE

MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY BUT
OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

SHOULD THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, BY ITS ACTIONS,
DEMONSTRATE ITS WILLINGNESS TO CARRY OUT FULLY THE
CHARTER'S OBLIGATIONS, THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS PART
WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION IN REGARD TO A RENEWED
APPLICATION FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED NATIONS.

FOLLOWING IS TAB 2:

WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT:

ON THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, US AMBASSADOR W. TAPLEY
BENNETT TODAY HAS EXERCISED THE UNITED STATES' RIGHT
OF VETO IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST THE APPLICA-
TION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM.

THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE VERY
CLEAR, ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, THE UNITED STATES' DEEP
CONCERN OVER VIETNAM'S WILFUL DISREGARD FOR ITS
HUMANITARIAN OBLIGATION TO ACCOUNT FOR HUNDREDS OF
AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO STILL REMAIN MISSING IN
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ACTION AFTER MANY YEARS. HANOI'S FAILURE TO HEED OUR
REPEATED APPEALS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THESE PERSONS
HAS CAUSED DEEP ANGUISH TO THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS.
THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS VIETNAM'S ATTITUDE INCON-
SISTENT WITH THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CHARTER, AND WITH VIETNAM'S PROFESSIONS OF INTENT TO
HONOR THOSE OBLIGATIONS. FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE
EXERCISED OUR RIGHT OF VETO. SHOULD VIETNAM RESPOND
POSITIVELY TO UNITED STATES'REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
ON AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION, WE WILL RECONSIDER OUR
POSITION ON ITS REQUEST FOR UN MEMBERSHIP.

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